

IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In the Application of:** )  
**Bianchi, John R., et al.** )  
**Serial No.: 09/941,154** )  
**Filed: August 27, 2001** )  
**For: "Assembled Implant"** )  
**Group Art Unit: 3738** )  
**Examiner: Paul B. Prebilic** )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 31, 2008**

**SUBMISSION FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 31, 2008, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of this response. This Amendment and Response is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. This response is timely, as it includes a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time (see pages 15-16), making this response due on Monday, June 2, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims: Reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments: Begin on page 8 of this paper.